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MATTERS RELATED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Information on intergovernmental organizations not in the United Nations system

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on two intergovernmental organizations (Development Bank of the Great Lakes States (BDEGL) and Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)) that have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO.

1. Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the General Conference, "enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with ... intergovernmental and governmental organizations." The Guidelines (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paras. 8 and 9) stipulate that the Director-General shall circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations wishing to enter into agreements with UNIDO; upon approval by the Board, the Director-General shall conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the organizations concerned.

2. Information concerning the Development Bank of the Great Lakes States and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, which have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO, is contained in the annex to the present document.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

3. The Board may wish to authorize the Director-General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the Development Bank of the Great Lakes States (BDEGL) and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE GREAT LAKES STATES
(BDEGL)

Historical background

Established by agreement of 9 September 1977, signed by Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire. One of the specialized bodies of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries, with which it works in close collaboration.

Purpose

Promotion of economic and social development of member States of BDEGL by providing technical and financial assistance for joint, community and national projects.

Structure

General Meeting of Shareholders
Board of Directors
General Directorate

Membership

Burundi, Rwanda, Zaire, national finance institutions and bodies of those countries, the African Development Bank and the Government of Belgium.

Activities

The Bank is active mainly in the agricultural, industrial, energy, transport and communications sectors, and carries out the following functions:

(a) To finance the development of its member States by using its own capital, funds stemming from borrowing on financial markets and other resources through transactions involving lending, guaranty and participation;

(b) To cooperate with member States in the efficient use of their resources in such a way as to make their economies more and more complementary with a view to economic integration, and to impart harmonious growth to intraregional and foreign trade.

Relations with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT (ITC)

Address of headquarters

22 Ave Président Mobutu
BP 3355
Goma,
Zaire

Rwanda office
BP 4
Gisenyi,
Rwanda

Head of organization

Mr. Cléophas Kanyarwanda
Director-General

COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES
OF THE GULF (GCC)

History

Established at Abu Dhabi on 28 May 1981 on signature of Charter.

Purpose

To assure security and stability of the region through economic and political cooperation; promote, expand and enhance economic ties on solid foundations; coordinate and unify economic, financial and monetary policies, as well as commercial and industrial legislation and customs regulations; achieve self-sufficiency in basic foodstuffs. To be effected by:

(a) Coordination, integration and interconnection between member States in all fields in order to achieve unity between them;

(b) Deepening and strengthening of relations, links and scope of cooperation now prevailing;

(c) Formulating similar regulations in various fields including economic and financial affairs; commerce, customs and communications; education and culture; social and health affairs; information and tourism; legislative and administrative affairs;

(d) Stimulating scientific and technological progress in the fields of industry, mining, agriculture, water and animal resources, including scientific research; establishing joint ventures and encouraging cooperation with the private sector.

Activities

Training
Preparation of economic and industrial studies
Drafting of legal documents of integration

Structure

Supreme Council
Ministerial Council
Secretariat-General

Membership

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

Relations with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

Arab Federation for Technical Education, Arab Gulf States Information Documentation Centre, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, International Telecommunication Union, Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries

Relations with international non-governmental organizations

International Institute of Administrative Sciences, World Social Prospects Study Association

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